

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

September 7, 2004

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Sheriff Marvel, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members were present.

Mr. Jim Bramble, Auditor, read the proposed budget for 2005.

Mr. Decker announced that there are appointments that need to be made. Hank Metzger, to the Library Board, he has done a good job in the past and the Council would like to reappoint him. Also Ross Hedges, Republican for the alcoholic beverage board, his term is up and he didn't want to continue so we would like to appoint Derrik Hagerman. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the motion. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Mr. Decker asked if the Council members got the budget analysis in the mail, which shows the 2004 approved, 2005 projected. The difference is 6 million in excess revenue. We all know if we held the budget at 2004 level and made no additional appropriations between now and the end of the year we would have less than \$750,000 to work with.

Mr. Decker stated that there are a lot of personnel requests for new employees. In his opinion there is not any way we can have new employees. If you will look at the budget analysis employees is the biggest cost. Projected salary increase is 1 million. Departments have been encouraged to reduce staff through attrition; we have not had a good response to that. Mr. Anderson stated that even if we kept it at 2004 budget and not make a change we would still be 1.2 million short. He stated that we are down to 7 million operating balance; he can remember when we had 10 to 12 million in operating balance. Mr. Decker stated that if you add benefits and salary on an employee that the benefits are one third of the salary. Mr. Curley moves to approve that all personnel issues dealing with new employees, step or grade changes except for those salaries that are state mandated will not be looked at and will be tabled at this time until the next budget year. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye the motion passes.

Commissioner Bill Bryan addressed the Council about the budget but was inaudible on the tape.

It was decided to meet on September 13th and 14th at 4 p.m. to discuss the budget further.

Mr. Roman commented on the budget but was inaudible on the tape.

Mr. Scott moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

MOTIONS
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Appointments – Mr. Anderson moves to approve the appointment of Hank Metzger to the Library Board and Derrick Hagerman to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Mr. Curley seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Personnel Changes – Mr. Curley moves to deny all new employees and grade changes until the 2006 budget session, Ms. Miller seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Adjourn – Mr. Scott moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm, Mr. Curley seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 16th day of November 2004.

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_____	Cedric Blade	_____
_____	Tim P. Curley	_____
_____	Effie N. Miller	_____
_____	Turk Roman	_____
_____	Darrick C. Scott	_____

David W. Decker, President

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Auditor